

Appl. No. : 09/830,820
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REMARKS

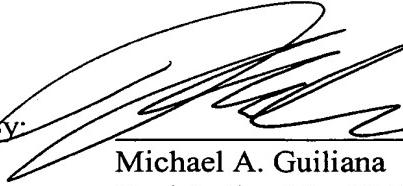
Claims 10-14, 22-26, and 32-36 remain pending in the present application, Claims 15-20, 27-30, and 37-40 having been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

By the foregoing amendments, Applicants have canceled Claims 15-20, 27-30, and 37-40 which were withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner. There are no other outstanding issues remaining in the present application. For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is most earnestly solicited.

The undersigned has made a good faith effort to respond to all of the rejections in the case and to place the claims in condition for immediate allowance. Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicants' attorney in order to resolve such issue promptly.

Respectfully submitted,

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